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## Massachusetts Gay Rights Bill Advances

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives gave initial approval this week to a lesbian and gay rights bill which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public and private housing, employment and services.

Following a lengthy and heated debate which at times centered more on questions of theology than on the issue of discrimination, House members voted 76 to 71 on June 6 to refer the bill, H. 1628, to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. The bill also survived a motion by Rep. Royall Switzler (R-Wellesley), an outspoken and inveterate opponent of lesbian and gay rights legislation, to reconsider the vote. The following day, legislators voted 83 to 69 not to reconsider their original vote.

After the committee has review-

ed the legislation for proper legal form and constitutionality, the bill will return to the House for further debate and another vote.

An amendment added to the bill during debate by Rep. Michael Flaherty (D-S.Boston) is likely to come under particular scrutiny in the third reading. Flaherty's proposed addition states that "nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to members of the National Association of Man Boy Love relationships or any person whose sexual preference applies to minor children."

According to Rep. Thomas Valley (D-Baek Bay), a principal sponsor of the bill, the amendment is unconstitutional because it seeks to exempt a specific organization from the scope of the law.

"I would definitely be in favor of removing any mention of an organization from the amendment,"

Valley said. "It's a political amendment and it will have to be dealt with legally."

Valley said the bill will not return from committee until the House finishes preliminary work on the state budget. That process should last at least a week, he said.

Much of the debate on the legislation centered around the question of whether homosexuality is an inborn characteristic or a chosen lifestyle. Valley and other proponents of the bill argued that because people do not choose their sexual preference, just as they do not choose their sex or their race, they should not face discrimination on that basis.

"You don't wake up in the morning and say 'I'll be gay today,'" Valley claimed. "These people have a genuine right in our society to be protected because of their sexuality."

"[The bill] is by no means radical," Valley added. "It is giving basic rights to a group of people who have been denied access."

"If you put this on the books of the Commonwealth, you're opening a Pandora's closet," retorted Switzler, evoking jeers from the House floor. "I've always considered the word gay a pleasant word and the gay community has destroyed it. We always called them queer, Mr. Speaker, and I use the word queer."

Switzler also claimed the legislation was unnecessary. "What application form is it that says 'What is your sexual preference?'" Switzler asked. "Employers no longer even ask for the designation of one's own sex."

"When I hear people state that they are discriminated against because of their lifestyle belief — I have never seen any proof of it," he added.

Rep. Sal DiMasi (D-North End) countered Switzler's assertions.

"As I listen to the debate here this afternoon, those opponents of the legislation have testified that they feel those persons who have a different sexual preference are perverted," DiMasi said. "But in the same speech they also say that they would not discriminate against those individuals. Inferentially, what is evident is that they are prejudiced against these individuals."

"If we don't pass it, these people will be discriminated against,

they will not be protected and it will be to our shame as legislators in this Commonwealth," DiMasi declared.

Rep. Bruce Wetherbee (D-Pepperell), who said he usually agreed with Switzler, stood to defend the legislation and chided his colleagues for shying away from the issue of lesbian and gay rights.

"It's not that difficult a political issue to deal with," Wetherbee said. "If you explain to people that you are basically protecting the rights of people to work, if you explain it to them that way, most people accept it. Don't be afraid of the unknown."

At times the debate took on a distinctly theological cast, as opponents of the legislation argued for the existence of free will and the interpretation of homosexuality as a sin, and supporters of the bill argued for the civil rights of the sinner.

"The issue before us seems to be whether people who commit sins have rights," argued Rep. Byron Rushing (D-South End). "We all commit sins. We might disagree as to what those sins are, but people who commit sins *do* have rights."

"I've never committed a sin in my life!" protested Rep. Andrew Collaro (D-Worcester), a vociferous opponent of the measure.

Lesbian and gay rights legislation was first introduced into the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 and although it has been intro-

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## Gay/Lesbian Immigration Threatened by Reform Bill

By Jil Clark

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate has passed an immigration reform bill which could further erode the right of gay men and lesbians from other countries to enter the United States.

According to the Senate version of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, lesbians and gay men turned away at the U.S. border have no right to challenge the actions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in court.

Under current statutes, courts may review and reverse INS decisions. Conservative legislators have long wanted to remove

the bill is an attempt to stem the tide of undocumented workers crossing the Mexican-U.S. border by imposing harsh penalties on the U.S. citizens who employ them.

Senator Edward Kennedy attempted to preserve the right to judicial review in all immigrant cases by proposing an amendment to the bill. Later, Kennedy forged a compromise with opponents of judicial review: Only those seeking political asylum who are turned away at the border may challenge their expulsion in court. For all other excluded aliens, the INS's decision is final.

Howell is critical of Kennedy's action. "Kennedy said he was backed against the wall. This is highly dubious. We could have been accommodated with a little more effort."

Howell continued, "Kennedy got three quarters of what he was looking for," referring to the fact that Kennedy and many other Senators have been intent on preventing the administration from detaining refugees in camps for prolonged periods as it did the Haitian refugees last year.

According to Howell, Kennedy aide Jerry Tinker has said that gays do not need the protection of judicial review, because the courts will soon strike down INS regulations which call for the exclusion of homosexuals.

Leonard Graff of the National Gay Rights Advocates in San Francisco said this is an "ignorant stand." The cases of Carl Hill and Richard Longstaff are still pending in the appellate courts of the 9th and 5th circuits respectively, said Graff, "and even if we are successful again there, it doesn't mean the end of the line. [The INS] can go to the Supreme Court."

Tinker had not returned GCN's phone calls by press time.

The immigration bill, introduced in the Senate by Alan Simpson, Wyoming, the chair of the immigration subcommittee, has also been introduced in the immigration subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee by chair Romano Mazzoli of Kentucky. The full committee recently passed

the Simpson-Mazzoli package, and the House version was amended to protect the right to judicial review of all excluded aliens. Mazzoli's bill is expected to come to a vote on the floor of the House soon after the 4th of July recess.

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## Task Force to Meet With Presidential Aide

By Sue Hyde

NEW YORK — Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), said that her organization has confirmed a meeting with a special assistant on health affairs to President Ronald Reagan. This visit to the White House follows closely on the heels of Congressional action which nearly doubles federal spending for AIDS in fiscal 1983.

Apuzzo said in a phone interview with GCN that her organization had requested a meeting with administration officials to discuss AIDS funding and that it was confirmed on June 7. She said that she will meet on June 21 with Judy Buckalew, health affairs assistant to the office of Public Liaison.

"We must secure from the administration a realistic fiscal commitment for 1984," she said.

Apuzzo declined to comment on details of the agenda for the meeting, explaining that she will announce it at the Second National Forum on AIDS, being held in Denver June 9-12 in conjunction with the conference "Health Pioneering in the '80s." Apuzzo said that she intends to seek the advice and input of health care professionals and AIDS activists at the forum.

She also expressed her relief that there are two weeks before the meeting in which to prepare briefing papers and supporting

documents.

Apuzzo would not comment on who, in addition to herself, would attend the meeting, pending further arrangements.

The Task Force's — and Apuzzo's — access to the White House follows by less than two weeks Congressional votes in both Houses to increase available funds for fiscal 1983. On May 25, the House of Representatives approved a \$12 million increase in AIDS funding and was followed the next day by the Senate, which did the same.

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The votes were indicative of the extreme displeasure of some Congresspeople for the administration's reluctance to appropriate additional emergency funds for AIDS.

According to Larry Bush in the New York *Native*, the additional funding was approved after the Assistant Secretary of Health Edward Brandt sent a

letter to the House Appropriations Committee saying his department "would not oppose the Congress giving the Secretary of Health and Human Services the discretionary authority to transfer \$12 million for AIDS activities across the appropriations lines of HHS."

This letter arrived after Brandt had testified that no additional money would be needed and, according to Bush, it precipitated the Congressional action.

Brandt was still suggesting internal transfers of funds even after he had declared AIDS to be the "number one priority" of the Public Health Service. (See related article this issue.)

Apuzzo observed that the House and Senate votes will be helpful in putting pressure on the administration for more AIDS funding in fiscal 1984.

The Washington *Post* reported on June 8 that aides to Reagan are advising him to veto the supplemental appropriations bill, which includes the \$12 million for AIDS. Of the total \$15.6 billion in supplemental appropriations, the White House objects to \$370 million for a strategic petroleum reserve, \$16 million for food programs for the elderly and \$12 million for additional AIDS funding in 1983.

— filed from Boston



judicial review from immigration law.

Judicial review is the only weapon available to lesbian and gay "aliens" to fight INS officials who exclude homosexuals on the grounds that they are "psychopathic personalities" and "sexual deviants," according to Craig Howell, co-ordinator of the Immigration Task Force of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

In fact, the current injunction against excluding aliens on the ground that they are homosexual stems from a suit brought in the courts against the INS by Carl Hill, a gay Briton whom border officials in San Francisco have attempted to expell.

Howell added that the right to judicial review was a "side issue" of the bill, and that erosion of the rights of lesbians and gay men was not what the Senate had in mind when they voted 76 to 18 to pass the package on May 18.



# News Notes

## boston a.i.d.s. rally and march

BOSTON — A public forum and rally concerning the current AIDS crisis will take place on Thursday evening, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Faneuil Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance to both inform the community about AIDS and to call for additional city, state and federal responses to the crisis. A candlelight procession will follow the forum and rally and will proceed from Faneuil Hall to the State House. The procession will commemorate those who have died from this disease. The forum is free and open to the public and will be signed for the hearing impaired.

## bathroom manager cancels a.i.d.s. benefit

WASHINGTON — The manager of a gay bathhouse has abruptly cancelled a fundraiser for the AIDS Education Fund of the Whitman-Walker Clinic because a clinic brochure on AIDS discourages baths patronage, according to the Washington *Blade*.

Carl Aleshire, manager of the Olympic Baths, called the brochure "very unfair," Aleshire maintains that the assertion that going to the baths increases the risk of AIDS is incorrect.

The brochure recommends that gay men "eliminate or decrease [their] sexual activity in places where multiple sexual contact is frequent, such as the baths, the bookstores, the bushes and the backrooms of bars."

Jim Graham, president of the Clinic, said, "We're not saying, don't go there. We're simply saying, cut down the number of contacts you have when you do go there."

Some bath and bar owners in New York have reported a decline in their business due to fear of AIDS. And gay health officials have pointed out that AIDS poses a serious dilemma for sexually-oriented businesses.

## health group may buy building for a.i.d.s. center

NEW YORK — Mayor Ed Koch has extended for six months the leases of several gay groups that rent space in a former Manhattan high school so the groups can have time to raise funds to purchase the building, according to the New York *Times* and the *Daily News*.

The tenants, including the Gay Men's Health Crisis, want to convert the building to a health care center for AIDS patients. Koch has also ordered a feasibility study to be done by Health Commissioner David Sencer to determine if the building can be "reasonable converted for use as a hospice and for other health-related activities."

The building was previously leased by the Caring Community, which defaulted on its lease. The gay organizations had been subtenants of the prime tenant and would have been evicted from the building.

## no nudes is bad news for skinny dippers

ALABAMA — The state of New York has banned nude sunbathing at public parks and beaches, according to the New York *Times*.

Gov. Mario Cuomo signed on June 3 a bill that will force federal officials to ban nudity from two sections of Riis Beach at the Gateway National Recreation Area in Queens. The beach had become a refuge for nude sunbathers and was also a popular gathering spot for gays. Through a quirk in the law, taken advantage of by many people, men and women could appear bottomless in parks and beaches not under the state's jurisdiction.

The penalty for public nudity is 15 days in jail and a fine of up to \$250.

## women accuse reagan administration of backing down on eliminating discrimination in education

WASHINGTON — A group of women's rights activists have charged that the Reagan Administration has actively embarked on a path to pull back from the nation's ten-year commitment to eliminate sex discrimination in education, according to the Washington *Post*.

At a news conference called by the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, educators singled out efforts to restrict the scope of the law requiring equal access to federally funded programs, attempts to eliminate funding for local women's educational programs and proposed changes to grant to states more discretionary powers in decisions regarding programs designed to bring women into traditionally male occupations.

## preference question sparks controversy

BALTIMORE — A question regarding the sexual preference of applicants for seats on this city's new Commission for Women has infuriated some applicants and drawn complaints from the mayor's office, according to the Baltimore *Sun*.

Beatrice Hall, president of the task force recommending appointees to the mayor, has insisted that the question was included so commissioners with different sexual preferences could be selected. "[We] wanted to be sure that the commission would be representative of all the people," Hall is quoted as saying.

One applicant said she was baffled by the question and was unsure as to what it meant. She left the space blank and said, "I would not like to be identified by my sexual preference. I'd rather accept people one at a time."

Two aides of Mayor William D. Schaefer have said that their office had nothing to do with drafting the application and have complained to the task force.

Sarah Cannon, vice president of the Gay Community Center of Baltimore, termed the question "ridiculous" and offered to recommend lesbian appointees to the 24-member commission.

## former basketball coach sues over lesbian identification

GREENVILLE, SC — The former women's basketball coach of the University of South Carolina has filed a \$75 million suit against the president and vice president of the school and the publisher of *Sports Illustrated*, according to the *Front Page*.

Pam Parsons resigned her job in January 1982 amid a flurry of speculation over her health and a "player related incident." In February, 1982, *Sports Illustrated* published an article linking her resignation to an affair with one of her players. In the article, both of the school officials were quoted as saying that Parsons was a lesbian and had had an affair with a player.

Parsons denies both allegations in her lawsuit and is charging the university officials and the magazine with slander and libel. Parsons claims the article "totally devastated my future, both as a professional and a person."

## gay paper agrees to non-discriminatory ad policy

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The publisher of the Philadelphia *Gay News* has agreed not to run any more racist or sexist help wanted classified ads.

Publisher Mark Segal has signed a consent decree to settle several complaints filed against him with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights in connection with his printing an ad which sought a "YWGM" (young white gay male) for a store clerk position.

According to the city's Fair Practices Ordinance, discrimination in the area of employment, housing and public accommodations on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, sexual orientation, disability or age is illegal.

Larry Frankel and Jeff Davidson, members of Philadelphia Black and White Men Together, Inc. (BWMT), filed one of the complaints, charging that this is not the first time that *Gay News* has printed racist employment classifieds. Davidson said that the group complained about racist ads in the weekly less than two years ago, and that Segal had agreed at that time to discontinue running them. "So when it happened again last December we filed a complaint with the commission," said Davidson.

Davidson said that he is pleased about the settlement, but added that he is "tired."

"This never should have gotten this far. All it took was reasonable recognition on Mark Segal's part. I think a publisher's saying that our complaint is petty is inexcusable."

Davidson added, "There are other small weeklies here — not gay, though — that manage to put out dozens of help wanted ads each week and none are racist. A paper which is supposedly standing up for people's rights should be more aware of this."

Segal said he'd never called the complaint "petty." "What I did say is that this is the first mistake in all the time since we made that agreement — and the mistake happened when we were in the middle of going weekly and moving our office. Obviously we've tried hard to change," he said.

Segal also said that, months before the complaints were filed, he had called the commission to report that he had inadvertently broken the law, and signed papers to that effect.

If Segal violates the consent decree, he could be fined \$500.

## bisexual contingent in pride march

BOSTON — The Boston Bisexual Women's Network has announced that a bisexual contingent in the gay/lesbian pride march will gather in front of the Boston Public Library, Boylston at Exeter, on June 18 at 11 a.m.

## s/m dykes meet during pride week

BOSTON — A forum, discussion and celebration of the personal and political aspects of sadomasochism between women will be held in conjunction with gay/lesbian pride week.

"S/M — Women with Women" has been planned for Sunday June 19 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 222, 100 Arlington St., UMass, Boston. The format will include prepared presentations and question and answer sessions, small rap groups and a general discussion period.

The sponsoring groups, Urania, a lesbian and bisexual support group, and the Boston Lesbian S/M Support Group, were, last winter, denied meeting space at the Cambridge Women's Center.

## north carolina gays meet

CHAPEL HILL — The first North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Conference was held this spring on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, according to the *Front Page*.

Called "Survival in a Hostile Society," the conference was attended by 150 gay men and lesbians who heard speeches by Tom Chortlon of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, Janet Lavelle, a Greensboro writer and activist. Participants also attended workshops on a range of subjects, from gay health to North Carolina gay history.

## san diego pride glitch

SAN DIEGO — The organizers of the local gay/lesbian pride march were initially denied a city permit for the march, according to *Update*.

The group, Lambda Pride, appealed the police department's denial and also sent out press releases to area media advising radio, TV and newspapers of the denial and appeal. The next day, police contacted the group's attorney to say that the permit would be issued.

The group probably expected some flak from the police since this was the eighth time in nine years that the permit had been denied when first requested.

## dykes and native americans share stage at summer solstice celebration

SYRACUSE, NY — A summer solstice celebration featuring both Native American performers and lesbian musicians is scheduled for June 22 in Syracuse.

The celebration, to benefit Dennis Banks of the American Indian Movement, will open and close with a traditional drum ceremony. Chris Williamson, Tret Fure, Holly Near, Odetta, Floyd Westerman and the Thunder Bird Sisters will share the stage of the Landmark Theatre.

For mail order reserve seat tickets, send a SASE to Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina, Syracuse, NY 13202. Tickets are \$6.50 and \$9.50.

## homosexuals banned from venezuelan tv

CARACAS, Venezuela — The depiction of gay characters on television in this country has been banned, according to *El Mundo* of Cambridge.

The Ministry of Transport and Communication has prohibited the portrayal of homosexuals and transsexuals on TV and radio to promote mental health among Venezuelans. According to the report, numerous children have had to receive psychiatric treatment because of personality disorders which resulted from the negative influence of gay role models on television.

## gay health directory available

NEW YORK — The National Gay Health Directory, published by the National Gay Health Education Foundation (NGHEF) is available from that organization.

The Directory is a comprehensive listing of health care services by lesbians and gay men. The 1983 edition contains a separate AIDS service section which provides referral listings for AIDS patients. The Directory is \$5.00 postpaid. Make checks payable to: NGHEF, PO Box 834, Linden Hill, NY 11354.



# 'Casual Contact' Theories Incite AIDS Panic

By Bob Nelson

NEW YORK — Though there is relatively little concrete knowledge about the factors involved in the transmission of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), recent media reports suggesting that the disease may have spread to the general population have led to apprehensive reactions in some groups who fear contamination from AIDS patients.

On May 27th, five case workers at the Bronx office of the city's Human Resources Administration, a social service agency, declined to conduct intake interviews with AIDS patients applying for disability benefits, according to Dr. Roger Enlow, the city's director of the Office of Gay and Lesbian Health.

"Casual or social contact with an AIDS patient does not increase risk of contracting the disease one iota," said Enlow. "These instances we're seeing are clearly reactive to the headlines presented by the media recently. That has contributed to an awareness beyond the affected communities, but also to a panicky concern."

The risk of AIDS transmission was one topic addressed at a recent press conference by Dr. Edward

N. Brandt Jr., an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and the nation's highest health official.

"We have seen no evidence that it is breaking out from the originally defined high-risk groups," said Dr. Brandt on May 24th. "I personally do not think there is any reason for panic among the general population." Brandt added that acquired immune deficiency syndrome had become "the number one priority" of the U.S. Public Health Service.

While Brandt's comments were meant to reassure the public at large, there is considerable evidence that the public is not reassured. In San Francisco, police and fire fighters have been issued disposable plastic gloves and face masks to allay their fears of contracting AIDS, according to May 13 news reports.

"It just creates a general sense of fear in dealing with gay people," said Rick Crane, program coordinator of the AIDS and KS Foundation, commenting on the police request.

At a New York state prison in Auburn, some inmates refused to eat meals prepared in the mess hall

after a 39-year-old inmate died of complications associated with AIDS. And prison guards in both the New York state and city prison systems have demanded special training and protective clothing for officers who guard inmates with AIDS.

Since 1981, 38 inmates in state prisons have contracted the disease and 17 have died; in city jails, there are now six inmates with AIDS. Two Haitian convicts reportedly died of AIDS at Rikers Island, the city's largest prison, in the first week of June.

Phillip Seelig, president of the city's prison guards union, called for "continuous medical examinations" of prisoners to spot AIDS cases as quickly as possible following reports of the Rikers deaths. Seelig told the New York *Post* that he wanted isolation of inmates with AIDS from prison guards and a prohibition on gay inmates working in food handling at the prisons. "The two highest contributing groups to AIDS are homosexuals and drug users," said Seelig. "The prison system is a natural for both."

Discussions between prison officials and the city's Health and

Hospitals Corporation were reportedly in the works about the possible relocation of AIDS inmates from Rikers Island to Metropolitan Hospital—not to provide better treatment for the patients, but because prison guards complained they were being exposed to the disease.

Commenting on the reactions of police and prison officials, John Boring, program director of the National Gay Task Force, noted that there had been no evidence of AIDS transmission except through sexual contact, blood transfusions or contaminated hypodermic needles.

"The only way to conceive of it as remotely possible is if an officer had a cut in his skin and had to minister to someone infected with AIDS who had an open wound," said Boring. "If they rubbed their cuts together and there was blood to blood contact, the disease could be transmitted. But if there were other paths, we would have seen evidence of that by now." Boring added that there had not been a single case of a health care worker contracting AIDS from caring for an AIDS victim, nor had any cases been traced to food handling.

Further evidence of the public's fear came on May 18 when Dr. David J. Sencer, the city's health commissioner, held a press conference to announce that a city sanitation worker who claimed not to be a member of any of the groups at risk of AIDS had contracted the disease. (Officially, the sanitation worker was only the fifth case of AIDS in the city where no identification with an at-risk

group—gay men, Haitians, hemophiliacs and drug abusers—could be made.)

According to Dr. Roger Enlow, the press conference was held because members of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association, the union representing sanitation workers, complained that the 26-year old AIDS patient, who is married with three children, would spread the disease among his co-workers. And a National Public Radio account said that the press conference was held only after rumors about the sanitation worker became so persistent that health officials decided on a public response.

At the conference, Sencer repeated assurances that there was little risk to the general public from AIDS, and said it was possible the infected individual had handled contaminated hypodermic needles discarded by drug abusers along his Bronx sanitation route. Asked to comment on the case, Enlow pointed out that "a patient's case history is what he tells us," and that "as it turns out, the case was not an exceptional one."

To be sure, there is some evidence that AIDS could move into the general public through sexual contact. A study team headed by Dr. Carol Harris of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine reported that of seven female sex partners of male AIDS victims who had been drug abusers, one developed a full-blown case of AIDS, one showed early symptoms of the disease, four had an

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## Man Sues Phone Company For Harassment Calls

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — A gay telephone company technician has filed suit for \$12 million in damages against New England Telephone, charging that his employer failed to take appropriate steps to stop a two-year barrage of threatening anti-gay calls placed to his office and home telephones.

William Connaughton, 27, who filed the suit on June 3 in Suffolk Superior Court, says he first began receiving calls at work about two years ago, all referring to his being gay and many threatening death and castration. Connaughton believes the telephone company was able to trace the calls but refused to alert law enforcement officials because the calls were placed by fellow New England Telephone employees from company telephones.

Connaughton's claim for damages is based on a psychological breakdown he says resulted from receiving the two years of constant telephone threats. After months of symptoms related to acute stress and anxiety, Connaughton passed out at work on May 6 and had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

That was Connaughton's last day on the job. Since then, he has sought therapy and begun the long legal process of seeking restitution from his former employer.

Sitting in his attorney's office last week, Connaughton recounted his ordeal. In April of 1981, while he was working as a clerk at the company's Belvedere Street facility, Connaughton received the first of the calls on his office telephone.

"The calls were originally being made directly to my telephone line," he recalled, "and they were all of a sexual nature." Frustrated by the recurrent calls, Connaughton asked a co-worker to answer his telephone for him, but the caller used the opportunity to tell the co-worker that Connaughton was gay.

"I complained to the supervisor at the time. He took me into a meeting and we had a talk. He put what is commonly called a trap onto the line," Connaughton remembers. The "trap" is a device which records the origin of incoming calls.

"He also notified company security and told me to call the Boston Police Department be-



William Connaughton

cause I was receiving threats, basically death threats, and all of a sexual nature." Connaughton also received castration threats and a warning that "you're going to need the Boston Police Department to escort you to work."

The calls continued, and Connaughton, who had not told his supervisor or his co-workers he was gay, lived in fear for his life and waited in vain for the trap to locate the caller. Then, in May, the company offered Connaughton a new job, working the swing shift.

Connaughton accepted the transfer, but the calls followed him. "When I went on nights, I never received calls after nine o'clock at night. The reason, I believe, is that when an employee works overtime, they work four hours extra. So it would probably be someone in the building with knowledge of the equipment, someone going overtime onto the night shift."

Connaughton had not yet told his new co-workers he was gay, but the repeated telephone calls had begun to generate rumors.

"At this time there was a lot of talk in the office. I was in this new work group. It was a tight work group of six people, and there was a lot of silence. Finally, I said 'Look, you've heard a lot of filth. I'm telling you the truth now. It's

because I'm gay. I hope you can help me because I'm going through a terrible crisis.'"

In March of 1982, Connaughton passed an exam which enabled him to transfer to a better job in another building. For a while, the calls stopped, but in June, they began again and continued over the next eleven months until Connaughton's breakdown forced him to leave work. The telephone company's Annoyance Call Bureau and the security division said they had not been able to trace enough of the calls to establish the origin. But Connaughton suspects a coverup.

Frank Bruno, one of Connaughton's attorneys, explained that "we're alleging that if the calls had not been on a sexual preference level, perhaps informal steps would have been taken to stop the calls." In any case, Connaughton says, the company should turn over whatever evidence it has to the police.

Telephone company officials have refused comment on the matter.

"It has been a whole series of fiascoes and mistakes and errors," Connaughton reflects. "Had they handled it as I requested they would have gotten the person a long time ago."

## Gay Play Wins Two Tonys

By Sue Hyde

NEW YORK — The 37th annual Tony awards blushed lavender on June 5 when a play about a drag queen written by and starring a gay man won two Tony awards. Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* was named best play and Fierstein took honors as the season's best actor in a play.

*Torch Song*, a current hit on Broadway, struggled to survive off-Broadway and Fierstein noted in his acceptance speech that "we could not give a ticket away."

John Glines, the play's original producer, was also awarded a Tony and he identified and thanked his partner and lover, Lawrence Lane. Glines, in the nationally televised ceremony, also dedicated his award to the lesbian playwright Jane Chambers and the gay performer Billy Blackwell, both of whom died earlier this year.

Although the awards to Fierstein and his play gave the 1983 Tonys a definite out-of-the closet flavor, one observer thought the producers of the live broadcast tried to downplay *Torch Song's* content. Lena Horne, in introductory remarks, neglected to mention the obviously distinctive gay theme.

*Torch Song Trilogy* is the unusual portrait of a gay man dealing with his affairs and relationships, parenting, being a son and the effects of societal homophobia. The play, consisting of three one-acts, is about the life of Arnold Beckoff, a drag queen. It opens with Fierstein, as Beckoff, in full drag and includes the miming of backroom-bar sex. In the final scene, Beckoff explains to his visiting mother and the audience why he is proud to be gay. (See GCN review, Vol. 9, No. 21.)

"Fierstein's play is the tip of the iceberg of explicitly gay and proud theatre that is just emerging from off-Broadway," said Michael Bronski, a frequent GCN theatre

and film reviewer. Bronski also said that *Torch Song* was an artistic success and well-deserving of its current commercial success.

Marsha Norman, author of *Night, Mother*, which was also nominated for best play, was quoted as saying that *Torch Song* ranks with Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*.

"Harvey's world is one I know nothing about, but the play gave me a sense of privilege about having been given that information," said Norman.

*Torch Song Trilogy's* three one-acts premiered separately off-Broadway at Ellen Stewart's La Mama. The one-acts came together about a year and a half ago and then moved to Broadway in the fall of 1982. It is the play's great accomplishment that it wins straight audiences without compromising its basic content.

Fierstein, 28, also wrote the upcoming musical version of *La Cage Aux Folles* which opens in Boston at the Colonial Theatre on June 13. A special performance of *La Cage* will benefit the AIDS Action Committee on June 15. (See GCN's Pride Calendar for details.)

— filed from Boston

# Pride!

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# Editorial

## Come Out for Lesbian and Gay Pride

The current wave of gay and lesbian liberation dates from the Stonewall Riots of 1969, when gays — mostly drag queens and street people — fought back for three days against a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event intensified a quieter movement to organize for greater tolerance of homosexuality. But it also catalyzed gay men and lesbians who were working hard in other political movements for black civil rights, women's liberation, and to end the Vietnam War. From the Stonewall experience, which was personal for many New York gays and symbolic for others across the nation, there grew a radical lesbian and gay movement that was influenced by and in time would exert its own influence on feminist, racial, anti-war, and leftist politics.

This public movement for gay and lesbian liberation included a broad critique of compulsory heterosexuality in the church, the family, government, educational, and legal systems. It spoke of cultural and personal change as well as gay rights. Our anger turned outward and we marched, protested, wrote letters, and made public displays of our homosexuality. The slogan, "Out of the closets and into the streets" articulated a concept of gay liberation that extended beyond the bedroom and beyond even the ballot box. Coming out — publicly declaring one's gayness — was and still is an important political statement in a society that denies us by making us invisible. But to come out is more than a body count, it is an act of personal liberation for each of us finally to say who we are. Every individual who comes out strengthens our community and makes it progressively easier for others to come out.

We commemorate our public stand, our protests at the Stonewall riots, by celebrating Lesbian and Gay Pride. At first limited to small and angry demonstrations in the major gay ghettos, gay pride celebrations now make statements in new cities and towns each year. Much has changed since 1969, and it is now easier for some of us to be gay. But Lesbian and Gay Pride is an

important time to remember our coming out, and to remember that there are still overwhelming numbers of lesbians and gay men who cannot make this public statement, who cannot risk being anywhere near these marches.

At a time when society would prefer us to step back into our closets and disappear from public view, at a time when much of our own movement has limited its vision to civil rights and the right to privacy in our own bedrooms, at a time when we have tired of fighting and count precious few victories, we need to take to the streets in a strong and visible expression of Lesbian and Gay Pride — and liberation.

This year, the gay community faces a medical crisis that may increase homophobia as it threatens our lives. Coming out for Lesbian and Gay Pride this year is an opportunity to demand that the government address the AIDS crisis, and gives us the chance to reach out to each other as AIDS affects each of us on a personal level.

Lesbian and Gay Pride marches capture the diversity of our community: we are women, men, black, Asian, Latin, white, young, old, rich, poor, butch, femme, mainstream, and fringe. Some of us are "respectable" and some of us are not. As the country swings politically to the right, we must remember that *this* gay movement couldn't have been built without the help of drag queens, street people, and butch dykes. Our strength lies in our diversity and our ability, in our best moments, to transcend our differences and work together.

We urge all of our readers and all of their friends, neighbors and political comrades, both gay and straight, to come out for Lesbian and Gay Pride. March for yourselves and for those who still cannot join us; be a part of the rich diversity that is the lesbian and gay community.

*Editorials are collectively written by and express the opinion of the full-time staff.*

## Community Voices

### lesbian prisoners

Dear GCN,

We are lesbian women who are presently incarcerated at the North Idaho Correctional Institution for three years. We are in a continual battle for our rights to sexual preference, and for our rights to be human as a black and white lesbian couple. Things are rough here since we are the only lesbians out of forty women.

We are here as first time offenders for shooting out car windows with BB guns and a second degree burglary in which the charges were dropped. One of us (Lorrie) is a 24 year old honorably discharged USAF veteran and the other (Jackie) a 28 year old data entry operator, and yet with good backgrounds and no previous arrests, we are still doing three years! We believe the biggest factor in our stiff sentence is the knowledge the judge had of our sexual preference because of Lorrie's discharge from the Air Force for homosexuality.

We are singled out for meetings by other heterosexual women, approved by the superintendent, to gripe about us as lesbians. They are trying to change us, to pick our brains and force their beliefs on us. It is out and out abuse.

We were put in a room together here but ordered separated because we are "admitted lesbians and we might try to do something at three o'clock in the morning".

We are trying to pursue a lawsuit for racial discrimination, and discrimination because of our sexual preference. The NAACP has asked the director of corrections for an investigation, however we haven't heard any more about it and

fear that it won't be followed up as soon as the NAACP finds out that Jackie is a lesbian.

Another strike against us is the majority of white, heterosexual mormons in this state. Not only have we endured discrimination here, but in the whole judicial system of Idaho.

The ACLU informed us they cannot help us in a lawsuit because of the amount of work they are already doing in a suit against the prison.

Any help and suggestions from our gay brothers and sisters would be appreciated from this isolated 'prison camp'. We need some contacts: lawyers, organizations, or people who are concerned enough to help. We are two desolate, suppressed lesbians! We are seeking help from anyone who will help us fight for our rights.

In sisterhood and gay pride,  
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Any and all letters, but especially those from Michigan, will help me get back where I belong. Thank you for your time and trouble.

Peaches Cooper, 171780, Box 779  
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We have scheduled small group interviews for Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 19 at 2:00 for those involved in the paper's first five years, that is between 1973 and 1978. For those involved in the second half decade, interviews will be done on Monday, June 27 at 7:00 and Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00. If you are interested and available, please call the office and leave a message for Chris so we'll know who's coming.

In addition, we're encouraging those who are interested to tape formal or informal interviews, conversations or bull sessions about the history of the paper between as many or as few people as can be gotten together. Send us the tape and it will be included in the archives.

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# Speaking Out

## AIDS & US: "What Can I Do To Help?"

By Eric E. Rofes

The current concern throughout the gay community related to AIDS has finally started to reach a point beyond panic, beyond confusion, beyond hopelessness. Men are beginning to process these difficult feelings and are preparing to move into action. Over the past few years, comparatively few gay men were actively working on AIDS-related projects. We are now seeing the typical gay-everyman wondering, "What can I do to help?"

Different people will have different responses to this question. On a personal level we are all grappling with the ramifications of AIDS for our sex lives and we are all grappling with the homophobia that for a few years has been just beneath the surface in many of the straight people we work with, live with, or see on the streets. There is much to be done at a community level and organizations are quickly moving to provide services, public education, and media monitoring. AIDS is testing the commitment of gay men to one another and the ability of a community of men to face a difficult and complex crisis.

There are some things that each of us can do that will make our community better able to deal with the issues surrounding AIDS. These are responses that are becoming obligatory for responsible gay men in American urban centers:

— *Keep informed through gay sources of AIDS information.*

A strong gay press has been developed throughout the nation over the past ten years, specifically because many lesbians and gay men have realized that we cannot depend on the mainstream media for accurate, informed coverage of our issues. Unfortunately, many gay people still look at gay media outlets as unreliable sources of information and do not routinely read a gay paper. I believe that most gay men continue to get most of their information about AIDS from mainstream newspapers and television shows. While the press's coverage of AIDS runs the same gamut as its coverage of other issues of concern to the gay community (the Boston *Globe*, for example, attempts to provide strong, positive coverage of our issues, allowing for lapses every now and then), I maintain that the best source of news on AIDS is the gay press. If you hope to become informed about the latest developments concerning AIDS, subscribe to a few gay newspapers — I'd personally recommend *GCN* readers also start reading the *Washington Blade* and the *New York Native*. The gay press's coverage is far from perfect, but I believe that AIDS is exacting new demands on gay journalists for accuracy, informed editorializing, and timeliness.

Likewise, gay doctors, social workers, psychiatrists and other gay health professionals are usually significantly more informed and more qualified to understand the full ramifications of AIDS for our community than their non-gay counterparts. There are certainly enough examples of gay doctors over-reacting or confusing gay clients through inaccurate information but generally these people are best able to present current health information to our community and are working hard to root out biases, remain sex-positive, and be honest about what is known and what is not known.

— *Become involved in fundraising efforts.*

Substantial fundraising efforts are underway by gay groups around the nation and, somehow, these efforts need to be monitored carefully and analyzed from a political perspective. Fundraising appears to be taking place with two aims in mind: providing services to the gay community concerning AIDS (support services for men with AIDS, educational efforts, development of hotlines) and providing funding for research on AIDS. I believe that the priority of gay community fundraising should be towards services for the community and that any fundraising related to research for AIDS should be directed toward hiring lobbyists (and others of this ilk) to pressure the government and other sources of grants for medical research to release funding for AIDS research. Allegations are already rife in many parts of this country concerning the misappropriation of funds ostensibly raised for AIDS which never found their way to the proper agency. AIDS committees in cities should set as a top priority the careful monitoring of fundraising efforts or, perhaps what has been needed for some time is an independent monitoring group that can survey all gay fundraising efforts in a city.

Gay men should be sure to check who is raising the money, where the money will go, and request financial statements after a fundraising event is held. Once you have found an AIDS-related organization that you trust to handle finances professionally, give often and give generously. A resurgence of "tithing" is beginning to occur and I know several gay men who have established systems for their contributions to gay organizing efforts. One man regularly donates 10 % of his paycheck to an AIDS-related service group and another man makes sure that he makes a substantial donation to a gay organization each month. While each of us will have to decide how we can best allocate the financial contributions we may be able to afford, it is clear that active involvement in fundraising is a necessary priority. I was surprised recently to learn that two moneyed friends who had been interested and informed about AIDS for two years and had had several friends fighting AIDS for most of that time, had never made a financial donation to their local AIDS committee. They had never donated money to any gay-related group and are finding this a difficult step to take.

— *Pressure politicians and government officials.*

Frankly, elected officials are claiming that they have heard little from their constituencies concerning AIDS and this may be because most of us don't know what they have to do with gay men's health issues. Federal funding for research has been frighteningly slow and initial proposals for the '83 — '84 fiscal year budget appear to be inadequate, with funding

for public education and services to AIDS people entirely absent. Letters need to be written to senators (in Massachusetts, Senator Kennedy could use a push to expedite moving the Emergency Health Fund out of committee and onto the Senate floor), Congressmen (Silvio Conte our Republican in Western Mass. should receive a few thank you notes for his leadership which recently gained additional appropriations for the '82 — '83 year, despite the Reagan administration) and our own Margaret Heckler, now Secretary of Health and Human Services. In Boston, at least, we seem to be asking many AIDS-related questions to candidates for municipal office — which is certainly appropriate — yet avoiding pressuring state and federal officials who hold the bulk of the appropriations which could be directed towards AIDS.

Essentially, these are activities that many gay activists have been attempting to encourage for the past 15 years; they are basic activities which allow us to build a strong community and keep us able to continue our work and maintain our integrity. The AIDS crisis may serve as an impetus for many men to become more informed and more involved in gay community organizing.

*The Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance is sponsoring a rally and march on Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 PM at Faneuil Hall in Boston. "AIDS and Boston's Gay Community — the Medical, Psychological and Political Implications" will feature Dr. Marshall Forstein and Dr. John Mazzullo, speaking on the medical and psychological implications, and Bill Beneville, a local South End man with AIDS who will speak on "What AIDS People Need from Our Community." The Candlelight Procession will march to the State House where a brief ceremony will take place.*

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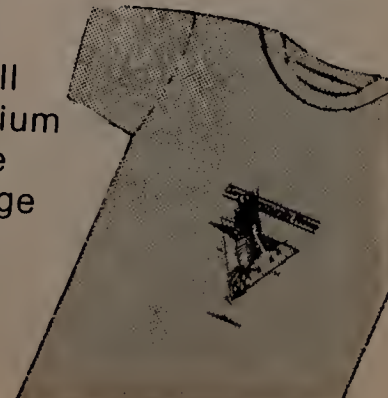
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Boys and Girls Together  
Talking About AIDS

By Bob Andrews and Cindy Patton

The disease syndrome that we now call "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome" — AIDS — first came in to the public eye over two years ago, when the medical establishment whispered what the mainstream media shrieked as "gay pneumonia," and later, "gay cancer," and the "gay epidemic." Early reports isolated these diseases among promiscuous gay men in the gay ghettos, but quickly the hit list grew to include non-urban gay men, Haitians, IV-drug users, and the ubiquitous 6% "other."

Gay people have had radically different reactions to the occurrence of AIDS. Some pushed the panic button, then moved past the immobilizing fear to fundraise and form support networks. Others have questioned the role of the straight media in sensationalizing this disease, and suggested that while this is a new and mysterious syndrome, it may not kill any more people than Hepatitis B, or other untreated STDs. Many of us have discussed our right to be promiscuous and accused straight society of manipulating AIDS to take away our hard won sexual freedom. Still others remember the tactics of the Nazis, and see this as only the beginning of a quarantining and blacklisting of gays from certain jobs that will end in concentration camps for lesbians and gay men.

No one knows what causes AIDS, but the course of the disease is dismal at this point. Different research points to opposite theories, and many in a panicking gay community are quick to jump at each simple solution. We are literally dying to get information and a "cure." Each week, the media reports another research finding on a tiny facet of AIDS, but these reports are misleading and in many cases harmful (for example, when the "household" contact story broke, there was immediate panic about gay school teachers, and even about gay visitors). Linking the

cause of AIDS to the "gay lifestyle" is flat homophobia; no one begins to understand the big picture, and even the cold statistics don't agree on which research parameters define the "gay lifestyle."

The government and medical establishments seem slow in responding: we wonder if this is because AIDS victims come from dispensable populations — gays, Haitians, IV drug users? In our more paranoid moments, we feel like guinea pigs in a vast experiment: certainly, the medical establishment stands to learn a great deal by studying this disease, and indeed, some researchers think it may shed light on the epidemiology of cancer.

Lesbians and gay men are working together to deal with the crisis in all of its personal and political implications. Despite our sometimes conflicting solutions and organizing tactics, we seem united in stating that we did not start this disease and we will not let it destroy our community.

About four months ago, we got the idea of writing an article about our reactions to AIDS. We started talking, and kept talking. We had many late night rages and what seemed like obsessive, inordinant ramblings to our friends. ("Oh, Bob and Cindy with their death and destruction act, aren't they doing some article?") The following is what we have finally pieced together from our ongoing discussions squeezed into the too-busy schedules that cause us to forget what is important, sometimes until it is too late.

Cindy: When you look at these last two years of "gay diseases" and see how the straight and gay communities have reacted, it points out that we're still a marginal community. Much of the organizing and fundraising by the Gay Men's Health Crisis and other groups must go primarily to take care of the victims. This is paradigmatic of

the whole lesbian and gay movement: the marvellous thing we have accomplished is building our own institutions and networks to help each other, and that has been done with great compassion for our many forms of suffering. But it is also important to understand how little impact and influence we have in the world at large. We are always just picking up the pieces.

Bob: We're a community that reacts to attacks when they happen. But very few people connect the isolated incidents and realize that what happens to one person is happening to everybody. Our task with AIDS organizing is to get people involved before either they or someone they love is affected. There are a lot of people working toward the solution to this disease who would not be here right now if either they or someone they know had not gotten AIDS. And I've got to admit that I fall into that category. I only became active when I started to meet AIDS patients, or their lovers — friends or mine — and I realized it really could hit this close to home.

Cindy: I was thinking about the expression "the personal is political." What we are experiencing in the gay community right now is "It's not political until it's personal." The same thing happened to me, and I feel somewhat guilty about that now. I could see the connections, but it only began to click into place as a personal issue when you were sick last winter. You ran around panicking, and very vocal, to the point of bursting out in meetings: "I may not be here in a year. I might die." I talked to you when I found out that my best friend whom I grew up with died from AIDS in North Carolina. That hit me after I understood the importance of talking about AIDS everywhere, and with everyone. I'd had lots of arguments over it and

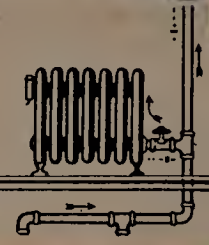
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# Talking About AIDS

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had worked out my political analysis. Now it is hitting people I love, and I can't not act anymore. The final move toward my broader understanding of AIDS, was that my friend was not someone from New York, or San Francisco, and was a very politically active man — indeed, the person who got me involved in feminist and gay politics. I had bought the homophobic myth that only promiscuous men who are primarily identified with the bar or public sex culture are getting this disease, but there is no way for me to rationalize or distance myself from this death.

**Bob:** That kind of homophobia within the gay community — which may partly be denial — is often people's first response: "Was he promiscuous? How many partners did he have? Did he do this, did he do that?" Totally ignoring the fact that someone is suffering, and trying to pinpoint something that will allow them to say, "Oh, he did that, and I don't, so I won't get AIDS." If you take all the researchers' parameters, and you examine the profile of the person who gets AIDS, I fit it. Once I realized that I could come down with this disease, I could no longer move away from it and behave in any kind of responsible manner.

Mayor Koch closed his presentation at the circus with, "Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for you." What we, as gay, white, males have to realize is that right now, this disease is affecting primarily us, and we must develop a sense of solidarity: even people who see themselves as being at absolutely no risk from this disease have to be aware that there are other people who are at risk and are coming down with AIDS. If we don't turn to help those affected now, who is going to turn and help us when it comes closer to home, when it really is our turn?

**Cindy:** I have been thinking about that a lot as I reflect on the death of my friend. We have all

tended to look at the numbers and statistical profiles, but the important thing to look at is the *people*. Our community has many political divisions, and we each have different styles of going through gay life. My friend and I grew up and came out together, and even though I moved up here eight years ago, we always felt a part of the same gay community.

**Bob:** I've been sexually active, and very open and I've felt good about that. I only began to develop a positive self-identity when I came out and realized that I was an okay person, and not only did people like me sexually, but they liked me for other reasons, as well. While I haven't cut out sex altogether, I've been affected by the talk that frequent sex brings you in contact with more people, and therefore, increases your risk of getting AIDS. I've cut back, and I enjoy it less, and I feel a great loss.

It is interesting that this is coming at a time when women are being more vocal about wanting more freedom sexually. I was talking to a lesbian friend who said, "How do I go about setting up a lesbian section of the Fenway?" My reaction was, "You can have *our* section." Some lesbians have envied men their open sexuality, and felt that we didn't have all the hang-ups that a lot of women seem to have. Now some women feel sorry for men, both because sex may no longer be worth the fifteen minutes of pleasure, and because men have had this freedom for a long time, and now it's being taken away.

**Cindy:** Even if AIDS turns out to be highly specific to gay men and Haitians — which I do not believe in my gut — the way the medical establishment has dealt with AIDS is just typical. Women can quickly understand this issue because our health needs have always been brushed aside. We live in a stressful society that is rife with diseases and new chemicals that they never even tell us about. But even if lesbians do not get AIDS, some other syn-

drome will hit lesbians, and the same thing will happen again. Women must be personally and politically supportive. We have some distance at this point, and an overview that this is a *political* issue dealing with the whole medical and governmental establishment — none of us have control over our health care or the research.

Thinking about AIDS has broken down the dichotomies I've always had about men's sex and women's sex: that women's priority is bonding, and sex is secondary, and men's priority is sex, and secondarily bonding. That is one way of talking about our differences that has taken on a life of its own. If we focus AIDS too dramatically on men's sex it becomes easier to deny that gay men have created a strong community for themselves. It is *different* than the kind of community that lesbians have created because it centers more on sex and sexuality. But just as lesbians have thought more about exploring sex because of gay men, gay men can learn a broader concept of community from lesbians. The lesbian community is made up of many little groups that link up into a whole network. Once women identify with the lesbian community, they are much less often isolated than men, who may identify with the sexual community, but may not be integrated into the other support networks that gay men have. Women have always found it easier to connect emotionally. One thing that may come out of this crisis is the renewed ability of men to reach out into their community — both to offer support and to take it.

**Bob:** There are two men at the hospital now whom I've been visiting. One I met at the airport, and we identified each other as gay and chatted. I'd run into him off and on and he appeared fine, until one day he went into the hospital with a node the size of a tennis ball on the side of his neck. My immediate thought was, "This man

has AIDS." And he does. He and his lover have been together for ten or twelve years, and his lover is always there. They have both put their careers on the sidelines in order to get through this, and they are convinced he will survive.

The other man I befriended because we got a call at the AIDS Action Committee that there was a man in the hospital whose parents had come up, but who had no gay friends. He had lots of gay questions, but no one to answer them.

Seeing these two men has raised a lot of questions for me about support. One of them has a lover who is very doting and caring, and the other has only his family to take care of him.

We have to concentrate on support networks. In New York, the Gay Men's Health Crisis has built up a buddy system, where people volunteer to do things like take out the trash, walk the dog, make up the bed, cook the meals, things that many people with AIDS don't have the strength to do.

A growing number of men have friendship networks — I have worked hard to create this for myself over the years. But that broader network hasn't happened for men: in the women's community, when any woman suffers in some way all women come to her aid. Men have a much smaller circle who will rally behind us.

**Cindy:** Men don't seem to respond until they are directly attacked. Women — and all gays ought to — feel attacked every day, every time we set foot outside the house, or even turn on the tv *inside* our house. We need to translate the personal fear and anxiety about AIDS into something that creates a sense of unity.

**Bob:** The grassroots network is there, but we must get organized. We have to find the people throughout the community in hospitals and clinics, in media, who can apply the right kinds of pressures.

And, we have to tap our anger.

We store it up over the years, waiting for the right occasion, and this is it.

**Cindy:** There is a pattern to the experience we and others have had as we learned about AIDS. The stages you go through in dealing with death, and the stages you go through with political consciousness on any issue are remarkably similar. It is healthy that we have different kinds of understandings and feelings about AIDS. I denied the issue for a while, and when I realized I had refused to deal with AIDS, I began rationalizing, and arguing that this wasn't as bad as people said. But that is a natural reaction, and it is wise to remain skeptical about the wild information going around. But it is extremely important to keep thinking about AIDS, and understand its effect on our community.

**Bob:** That happens on an individual level to every gay man who confronts AIDS: you go through the whole dying process. You go through denial, anger, and acceptance. Maybe this is taking a metaphor too far, but I hope that as a gay movement, we don't get to the point of acceptance, with AIDS or anything else. We can stop AIDS, just as we can stop the New Right.

**Cindy:** We have to come to grips with this disease on whatever level it is going to interact in our lives, and then translate that into a sensibility within the gay movement. At the circus, someone said, "Today we are burying our dead." My first reaction was to think, "We've been burying our dead all the way along." That's how I feel at this point: they've been killing us off in many, many different ways, and we've always denied it, we've always particularized it. Despite our rhetoric, we have never accepted that we are constantly under attack. Every day.

In dealing with the government agencies and the health industry regarding AIDS, we can channel our anger outside of our community. Turning our anger inward and toward others in our community divides us unnecessarily. Gays are worn down by our oppression. We worry about our jobs, our lovers, about coming out. Straight society has said to us, "You lead this terrible lifestyle and your punishment is to be sick all the time," and on some level we've accepted that. We have to turn that around now, and say: This society is not going to kill us any more.

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**BAGLY PROM** — This dance is sponsored by Boston Area Gay & Lesbian Youth for those of us 22 and under. For location call 492-8282. 7:30 PM to Midnight.

**LESBIAN S/M CAMPING WEEKEND** — 30 miles south of Boston. Bring your own food, water, tent, etc., for a very informal weekend of networking, caucusing, camping, etc. Lesbians call (617) 776-7957 for more information.

**BEST OF THE MOOD SWINGS** — a lesbian play about addiction and recovery. Scenes from *Recovery Road* and *Hand-Me-Downs*. First Church Congregational, Harvard Square, Cambridge. 8:00 PM. \$5.00 (More if, less if).

June 12

**BEST OF THE MOOD SWINGS** — See listing under June 11th.

**SOMEWHERE/ELSE'S PRIDE PARTY** — Featuring the Jet Sisters (Jess and Wendy). Disco and tea dance with Tita Gray, DJ. \$2.00 cover charge. Proceeds to benefit the Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 7:00 PM.

June 13

**BL/GPA ENDORSEMENT MEETING** — (Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance) Room 222, UMass/Boston, Arlington Street and Stuart Street (near the Park Plaza Hotel). 7:30 PM.

**SLIDE SHOW AT SOMEWHERE ELSE** — Featuring *Greetings from DC*, *Witches*, *Dykes*, *Fags*, and *Poofters* and *Woman-Loving-Women* by Pat Gazemba. \$1.00 donation to Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. 8:00 PM.

**THE WOMEN'S TALK SHOW** — WRBB 104.9 FM will air a profile of Black poet activist Audre Lorde and the music of Linda Tillery, Gwen Avery, etc. 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

June 14

**NSGLA FILM NIGHT** — North Shore Gay & Lesbian Alliance presents: *In the Best Interests of the Children*, *Greetings from DC*, *Witches*, *Dykes*, *Fags*, and *Poofters*, and *Woman-Loving-Women*. Meier Hall Screening Room, Salem State College, Salem. Free. 7:00 PM.

**SOMEWHERE/ELSE OPEN MIKE NIGHT** — with Wendy Sobel. All women musicians invited. Pass the hat for Boston Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

June 15

**KATE CLINTON — LIVE!** — 2 shows 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. First Church Congregational, Harvard Square, Cambridge. Tickets are \$5.00, advance sales at New Words, Glad Day Bookstore, Red Book, and Body Works. For more information/child care, please call 547-1378.



Fumerist (that's feminist and humorist) Kate Clinton is doing two shows in Cambridge on the 15th.

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** — A pre-Broadway performance to benefit the A.I.D.S. Action Committee of the Fenway Community Health Center. Play stars George Hearn as *Albin*, and Gene Barry as *Georges*. Music by Jerry Herman; book by Harvey Fierstein; directed by Arthur Laurents. Tickets on sale at the Fenway Community Health Center — \$25, \$30, and \$35.

**SOMEWHERE/ELSE SPAGHETTI DINNER** — Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Glass of Wine, all for \$2.95. Entertainment, too!

June 16

**ANNUAL LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE TOWN MEETING** — Topic: A.I.D.S. Coordinated by the Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance. Fanueil Hall, Boston. 7:30 PM.

**CANDLELIGHT MARCH** — Immediately following the Town Meeting (beginning at approximately 9:30 PM). The purpose is to bring public attention to the gravity of the A.I.D.S. epidemic; and to show our respect and support for those who have either died from, or are living with A.I.D.S. Endorsed by the A.I.D.S. Action Committee, BL/GPA and Gay Community News.

**ANNE CAPUTI — IN CONCERT** — Arlington Street Church, Chapel entrance. 8:00 PM. Tickets available at door, \$5.00. For information call 734-5740.

**MOTHERS & OTHER LOVERS** — An evening of original one act plays by the Cauldron Theater. Featuring *Not the Marrying Kind* — a play about Gay parenthood, by Carl Young; author of *Pirates*; *Edith's Head* — A Mother's Monologue by Barbara Stellas; and *Sister of Fire* — play about Siva Gitan — a gypsy, a healer, a lesbian, a woman of 16th century England; by Marty Kingsbury, author of *Closer to Utopia*. Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple Street, Central Square, Cambridge. Tickets are \$5.00. 8:00 PM.

June 17

**MOTHERS & OTHER LOVERS** — See listing under June 16th.

**SOMEWHERE/ELSE TWO-FOR-ONE PRIDE DANCE**

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June 18

**INTERFAITH SERVICE** — sponsored by Am Tikva, Integrity, Friends (Quakers), Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus, Lutheran Concerns, Dignity and Lesbian and Gay Christian Scientists. Main Sanctuary, Arlington Street Church, Boston. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**13TH ANNUAL BOSTON LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE PARADE & RALLY** — This is a day of celebration, starting with pre-parade entertainment at Copley Square about 11:15 AM. Line up to parade through the streets of Boston promptly at Noon. At approximately 1:30 PM, the rally will begin our site on the Boston Common Parade Grounds. We will be featuring a few key speakers, great entertainment, music and refreshment and information booths.



Singing comedy team Romanovsky and Phillips will appear at the Gay Pride Rally.

**BOOK PARTY** — Glad Day Bookstore presents Edmund White, author of *States of Desire* and *Boy's Own Story*. A benefit for City Council candidate David Scondras. Winter Street, Boston (2nd Floor). Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale at the door. 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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June 19

**WOMEN WITH WOMEN: DRUM-DISCUSSION-CELEBRATION**— An exploration and celebration of the personal and political aspects of S/M between women. Speakers, all rap groups and general discussion. Child care available. Room 222, UMass/Boston, Arlington Street and Stuart Street (near the Park Plaza Hotel). Small donation requested. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Sponsored by URANIA (Lesbian/Bi-Sexual Women's S/M Support Group) and the Boston Lesbian S/M Support Group.

**SINGING WITH PRIDE**— A concert of popular music by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. This concert celebrates Lesbian/Gay Pride and the Gay Men's Chorus 1st anniversary. Conducted by Lee Ridgeway and John LaBella. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street, Boston. Show is at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$5 and \$8, available at UMass, Glad Day Bookstore, thru Chorus members and at the door.

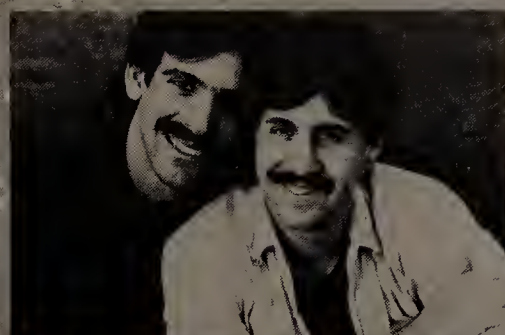
**BOSTON AREA LESBIAN & GAY HISTORY PROJECT SLIDE SHOW** "Our Boston Heritage" — Colonial times to Present Day. 7:00 PM at Room 2, UMass/Boston, Arlington and Stuart Streets. Suggested donation: \$3.00.

June 20

**GLAD WORKSHOP: GAY/LESBIAN GAY AND CIVIL RIGHTS**— Presented by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. 7:00 PM. Arlington Street Church. For more information, call GLAD at 6-1350.

June 21

**LOUD & PROUD**— A Gay and Lesbian musical extravaganza to benefit Am Tikva (Boston's community of Jewish lesbians and gay men). Features Pilshaw and Sklamberg, L.A. Troubadors, Maxine Feldman and the New Women's Chorus. M.L. King School, 120 Putnam Avenue, Cambridge (between Mass. Ave. and Western Ave.) Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door. Available at New Words, Glad Day Bookstore and Am Tikva. For more information call Larry at 782-8894, or call 628-3986.



Pilshaw and Sklamberg, currently on a twenty city tour through the United States and Canada, will be singing at the Gay Pride Rally and at Loud and Proud, the Am Tikva benefit.

June 22

**3RD ANNUAL CHILTERN MOUNTAIN CLUB LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE PARTY**— At Napoleon's, 52 Piedmont Street, Boston. Proceeds to benefit the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) A.I.D.S. Action Project. Dancing, cash bar, slide show, and munchies. 9:00 PM to 2:00 AM. Tickets are \$3.00.

June 23

**"FEMS, FAGS & FREEDOM: THE COLLECTIVE AGENDA"**— Forum addressing the link between the feminist, lesbian/gay rights and civil rights movements. Sponsored by the Boston NOW Lesbian Task Force. Boston YWCA, 140 Clarendon Street, Copley Square, Boston. Free. 7:30 PM.

June 24

**OPEN SCREENING NIGHT**— presents Lesbians and Gay Men in Film and Video. Free showing — 8:00 PM. Boston Film and Video Foundation, 1126 Boylston Street, Boston.

**LESBIAN/GAY FOLKDANCING**— at the Phillips Brook House (corner of Harvard Yard near the Science Center) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Free — beginners welcome! For more information call Dee at 661-7223.

**"SPRING SONGS"**— WGBH Radio, 89.7 FM, will broadcast the April 16, 1983 Boston Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert at 8:00 PM.



The Boston Gay Men's Chorus concert, Singing With Pride, will be on the 19th. The Chorus will also appear at the Gay Pride Rally.

**FAG RAG GUILT/RELIEF SHOW**— An evening of poetry and one-act plays at the Arlington Street Church. Donation \$3.00. 8:00 PM.

**HIKE FOR LIFE**— to fight A.I.D.S. The Chiltern Mountain Club is sponsoring a walk-a-thon in the Blue Hills to benefit the A.I.D.S. Action Committee. Funds will be raised for this 8-mile loop by obtaining sponsors for the hikers. For more information, write to P.O. Box 104, 104 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114. Or call John/864-0823 or Simon/864-9781; or register at the Chiltern Mt. Club table at the June 18th rally. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Blue Hills Ski Area, exit 64N off of Route 128.

June 25

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# Odyssey of a Unicorn Birthdays and Pride

By Nancy Walker

It's that pulse-hastening time when banners are unfurled and refurbished, flags flauntingly flown and t-shirts touted for our "once a year day." Pride takes over and we march, strong in hope and love, down the main streets of all America. I can just barely hear the fife and drum from where I sit in one of the cradles of American Liberty, the old, venerable and slightly crumbling city of Boston, Massachusetts. There's a sea breeze. I sit at my desk and wonder how it will be this year . . .

Some time in February, while the weather is freezing and my sother is turning blue (literally, she really does, honest), I start muttering, "I hope it's not going to be too hot for the march." "You're worrying from now???" my saintly one asks, incredulous at my long-range fretting. "From now? Whaddaya mean from now? I have worried continuously since last June when it was so cold I was afraid Mother and Pip would get pneumonia."

I pray to whatever pagan gods may be for cold on our Saturday in June. If it isn't cold, I can't go the whole route without doing something dramatic like fainting. And that, my dears, unless you crave extraordinary attention, is embarrassing. My sother, if the weather is hot, pins a ridiculous white hat on my head and schlepps cold water, hoping I'll make it somehow to the rally site before the end of the day's festivities.

Usually I revive in time for the traditional GCN picnic. Food, or the idea of it, the hope, the fantasy of it, keeps me going through all the vicissitudes of Liberation, and, let me tell you, some of the vicissitudes are vicious. But so far we have overcome.

It seems impossible from this vantage point to imagine that there is a soul alive who does not know that in addition to all the other ex-

citing events, on Friday, June 17, GCN is celebrating its tenth birthday and we'd love to see you all there. I will not reminisce. I don't feel like going all gooey over the past; I didn't enjoy it very much, which is probably the real reason why.

My concern is with the present and the future of our paper and our movement. I want us to succeed resoundingly in a way that no one can fail to acknowledge. I am sick of lies and closets and palpable fear on the part of people whose only "crime" is attraction for the same, rather than the opposite, sex. It seems such a paltry matter; why the hell should we have to devote the better part of our lives to putting an end to this foolishness?

I guess I am becoming tired and angry at the same time that I realize it is quite wonderful and remarkable that suddenly (though it has been indeed a long time in the making) all across this land there are well-organized gay political action groups who have been able to compel candidates to address them directly in order to woo the gay vote. Suddenly the power of the ballot box has been impressed upon the straight establishment in an unprecedented way, not just in large coastal cities but in smaller cities throughout middle America, according to Ginny Apuzzo, Director of the National Gay Task Force. This is perhaps the single-most positive piece of information I have heard in a long time. The news, as you have probably noticed, is, for the most part, as grim as ever, but there is a feeling abroad that gives me hope. Something major is happening at the grassroots level. Lesbians and gays are standing up and being counted *together* in ways never exhibited before.

This year, when we march in our various hometowns on our various Gay and Lesbian Pride Days, there is something more we represent than we ever did before. All those marching feet should make the surrounding society sit up and take notice that we are not figures of fun, willing to accept ridicule or second class citizenship. We will not come, hat in hand, begging for what every American should be guaranteed under the Constitution of this land. We will demand full enfranchisement. The cry of "What do we want? Gay rights. When we want them? Now!" will have greater and greater significance.

The reason I feel this way is largely attributable to the very visible and impressive new organization called Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (lovingly known as BL/GPA). You will be reading more and more about it as time goes by. And even better than the fact of its existence is the overwhelming success of BL/GPA's events. They have all been jam-packed with serious people, and the air has fairly crackled with intensity. So, politically, Boston is a

very exciting city right now. We are greatly energized by the response BL/GPA has received from the candidates in the upcoming elections, and this enthusiasm should carry many of us along on its tide through Gay and Lesbian Pride Week.

Therefore, this year, more than ever, I look forward to the day of flag waving and handholding. I look forward to seeing "friends" I see that one day of the year, when they feel the strength that comes from numbers and are willing to stand next to their comrades, though the rest of the year they spend in their closets — for whatever reasons.

Each year the march has grown in Boston, as I hope it has in most cities. Courage is always contagious and so, probably, is the transitory feeling of all encompassing love that comes over me during the parade and rally (until the rally yields its inevitable lectures, which I have always abhorred).

On this one special day of the year, I feel united with lesbians and gay men everywhere, no matter what their political or personal views, no matter what their lifestyle, no matter how vanilla or rockyroad their sexual proclivities. I don't care how old or young, they are, what race, what ethnic background, what economic stratum they come from. On this day, I love all who would stand under the blue sky waving a lavender banner.

"Creeds and Schools in abeyance," wonderful Walt Whitman said, and that is how I feel. At least for one day out of 365, I want to call a truce among all gay and lesbian factions. I don't want to separate, criticize, argue. I want to love and, quite frankly, be loved, for one whole peaceful, celebratory day. It has pained me year after year to listen to well-intentioned individuals castigating my brothers because they happen to be white and male. Many of the men standing at the rally hearing the same words I heard have neither malice nor injustice in their hearts and many of them have shown great courage simply by throwing in their lot with the rest of us on that special day. To be slapped in the face for their good will seems so outrageous, and yet I do understand out of what pain and frustration the "lectures" must come, I just wish that for *one day* every gay and lesbian person could see with the eyes of love and experience and incredible high that I experience every Gay Pride Day.

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duced every year since then, it has never passed in the House. Steven Tierney, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus (MGPC), attributes this year's success to a paid professional lobbyist and several volunteers.

"It's a much more organized effort than it has been in the past," Tierney said, adding that the MGPC has already begun lobbying in the Senate and that the group has an assurance from Governor Michael Dukakis that he will sign the bill if it passes.

## Immigration

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Howell is optimistic that the House will pass the bill as is and that, when the joint House-Senate conference committee convenes to iron out the differences between the Senate and House versions, the right to judicial review in all exclusion cases will be written into the final draft.

The roots of the problem for lesbians and gay men are the anti-homosexual exclusion categories written in the 1952 Immigration Reform Act.

Recently, Rep. Barney Frank, of Massachusetts, tried and failed to eliminate these and other categories from the list of grounds for exclusion by presenting an amendment to the Mazzoli bill, but the proposal was defeated in committee. However, Congressman Julian Dixon of California has again written a bill which would remove references to sexual orientation from the 1952 law.

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## AIDS

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AIDS-like disorder, and one was healthy. None of the women were members of an at-risk group. Clearly, AIDS could become a generalized venereal disease and move out of the population of gay men, Haitians, hemophiliacs and drug abusers.

But public fears about AIDS are not that it will be transmitted sexually, but that it will spread through casual contact, much as a

common cold is spread. Since little is known about the patterns of transmission of the disease, scraps of knowledge can be magnified beyond their real significance. A good deal of the public frenzy about AIDS seems to be the result of inaccurate conclusions presented by Dr. James Oleske about his study of eight Newark, New Jersey children with AIDS-like symptoms, reported in the May 6

issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. (See GCN, Vol. 10, No. 43.)

All eight children in the study had unexplained immunodeficiencies and were born in households with recognized risk for AIDS; four children have died. Oleske *et al.* concluded from the study that "sexual contact, drug abuse or exposure to blood products is not necessary for disease transmission" and that the children might have contracted the disease from "routine close contact" with AIDS-susceptible members of their households. Criticism of the study has centered on the fact that it is difficult to make a positive diagnosis of AIDS in children, that children are susceptible to a variety of other immune disorders, and that the disease could have been transmitted in the uterus prior to birth.

In spite of the uncertainties surrounding the study, the New York *Times* ran an Associated Press dispatch on May 6, headlining the article "Mere Contact May Spread AIDS." The piece quoted Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Health, who wrote an editorial in the same May 6th issue of *JAMA* stating that if the study could be verified, "then AIDS takes on an entirely new dimension." The *Times* article also quoted Fauci to the effect that if "non-sexual, non-blood-borne transmission is possible, the scope of the syndrome may be enormous."

On the same day, *USA Today* reported on the study with an article titled "Routine Contact May Spread AIDS." Dated Chicago, it began, "Researchers are concerned that the deadly immune disease AIDS—epidemic in some areas among sexually active men—might also be spread by nonsexual contact among the general population." The article cited the "routine close contact" theory, and concluded by paraphrasing a researcher who worked on the Oleske study to the effect that "it also appears medical personnel who treat AIDS victims may also risk the disease," although there is no evidence that AIDS could be spread in that manner.

In a press release dated May 23, the National Gay Task Force protested what it called "inaccurate and misleading press accounts" of the Newark study. The release quoted Dr. Paul Paroski, president of the National Gay Health Education Foundation, criticizing the Fauci editorial and questioning Dr. Oleske's conclusion that AIDS could be transmitted by routine contact.

In a telephone interview, Paroski said, "As a pediatrician, I can tell you that the close contact a parent has with a child is more than routine household contact. In fact, it borders on the sexual, but in any case it is a unique form of contact, not a routine household contact. In reviewing the article from a scientific point of view, the author does not present sufficiently conclusive evidence that AIDS could be transmitted in this manner."

But misleading reports of the Newark research have already done their damage; an attorney for the prison guards union demanding special protection from AIDS victims cited the "routine close contact" theory as evidence for the guards' demands. A *Times* report on June 4 quoted an AIDS researcher saying that "a lot of hospitals in New York are overreacting with isolation" because of fears that AIDS may be transmitted to hospital personnel.

And nationally-syndicated columnist Patrick J. Buchanan has used the AIDS issue in a series of op-ed pieces for the New York *Post* to buttress his contention that homosexuality is unnatural. On May 24, he demanded that gays

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## AIDS

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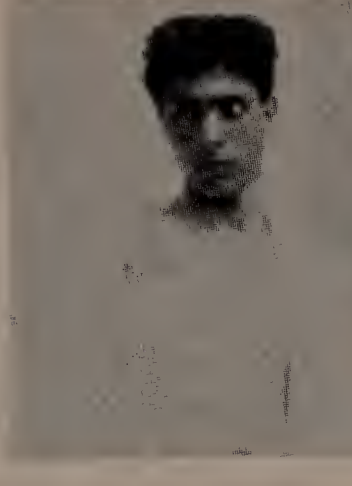
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You're invited to celebrate our tenth  
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TO ALL THOSE WHO IN AND OUT OF  
PRISON FIGHT AGAINST THEIR BONDS  
(Alexander Berkman, Prison Memoirs of an  
Anarchist).



I'm 25, Native American and a dyke, I'm  
looking for friends who are interested  
in helping to change the prison system  
from warehouses to places of learning  
and growing. I am also an artist and  
play the guitar. Catherine  
CASTANEDA, 43375, ACTC-P-Santa  
Maria, Box 3400, Goodyear AZ 85338.

This prison is very anti-gay and I catch  
a lot of hell. Some of the staff look at  
me like I'm an animal, but I'm just a ted-  
dy bear really (smile). So if you have  
some spare time write a lovable, lonely  
butch. Zola BENNETT, 1479 Collins  
Ave. Marysville OH 43040.

Being black, female, gay, and a convict  
is a bit much for prejudiced minds to  
handle, but it should not be a handicap  
for those sharing some of those  
qualities. I'm looking for sensitive, in-  
telligent, strong-minded women to  
correspond with. I am a six foot Leo  
woman into writing and spiritual ex-  
ploration. Send some sweet stories and  
intellectual conversation and you'll  
receive the same. Renee HOLMES,  
13415, 1479 Collins Ave., Marysville,  
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## GCN GAY AND LESBIAN PRISONER PROJECT

We send free papers, books (when they  
are donated) and when money for  
postage is donated) and run free penpal  
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list because of limited space.) Little by  
little as we get more volunteer labor  
power we'll be looking for other ways to  
support lesbians and gay men behind  
bars. If you can help with your time or a  
contribution (of money or paperbacks),  
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Prisoner Project, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont  
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I am a lonely capricorn looking for  
friendship and correspondence. I have  
many interests including travel, coun-  
try music, and antiques. Originally from  
Conn. All letters welcome, believe me!  
Thanks. Richard GASIOR, A635172,  
Box 1500, Cross City FL 32628.

I recently read my first GCN and its truly  
a great publication. There's not many  
pleasurable pastimes in this prison, but  
you people sure have contributed one! I  
would appreciate an ad seeking letters  
and friendship. Jeffrey WISEMAN, PO  
Box 500, 8 BKS (ADC 72170), Grady AR  
71644.

Love the outdoors and having a good  
time. Need to correspond with others,  
any age. Friendship and possible get  
together when I'm free again. Bob  
COVIL, Box 7, A018129, Deer Lodge MT  
59722.

I'm gay and want to correspond with all  
who wish to answer. I'm intelligent and  
good looking. So write me and receive  
the ultimate experience. Keith MOORE,  
161-698, Box 69, London OH 43140.

I'm a 30 year old male, very sincere, and  
wish to hear from very sincere gay per-  
sons. I love writing, reading, chess,  
football, and partying. Very lonely right  
now without companion. Shepherd  
MEGGETT, Box 1100 (1778), Avon Park  
FL 33825.

Young incarcerated male seeking cor-  
respondence and friends who are kinky  
and who can put feelings down on  
paper. Will write back. Greg SCOTT,  
EF-150765, 4600 Fulton Mill Rd, Macon  
GA 31213.



In order for me to keep my head  
somewhat together, I have to reach out  
for some intellectual stimulation. I have  
three years of college, mostly physics  
and business administration. I'm also  
'gay' although I must admit that  
sometimes I'm depressed (a joke), so I  
have problems communicating with the  
other inmates. They feel that if a  
prisoner is gay he has no rights at all.  
I'm interested in writing anyone who'd  
like to write a gay prisoner. James  
MANUEL, 96839, Camp C Tiger 2-R-3,  
Angola LA 70712.



I am 25, 6 ft tall and gay. I will be get-  
ting out the first of next year hopefully.  
Seeking communication with the right  
person on the outside. Edward  
SANDERCOCK, 162-344, Box 45699,  
Lucasville OH 45699.

Looking for a special friend to get to  
know. My friends call me Faye. James  
SUTTON, 072489, Box 1500 (814), Cross  
City FL 32628.

Man due for parole in Oct 83 needs job  
and residence. Would like to hear from  
anyone who could help out in any way.  
Mark STACY, 165244, Box 607, Carson  
City NV 89701.

An exciting young man looking to make  
new friends with anyone willing to re-  
spond. I enjoy reading, writing, sports  
and all music. My ambition is to one  
day write a book about my current stay  
here in prison. Fred MERRITT, 061462,  
Box 747, Starke FL 32091.

I have brown hair and blue eyes and am  
very fine, but at the moment I'm feeling  
kind of sad. Please write. Harry  
WOODALL, 912200, Box 1500 (17),  
Cross City FL 32628.

I would very much like to communicate  
with other gays. If you could help, I  
would be grateful to the utmost! James  
DOWDELL, 13144, Box 41, Michigan City  
IN 46360.

# Prisoners Seeking Friends

Readers (inside and out): Almost all ads  
are taken from much longer letters  
which we cannot print in full in the free  
space GCN has provided. Even so,  
there's usually a waiting list of 3 to 6  
weeks and ads usually only run once or  
twice (unless we can't get new ones  
done because of other work).

Mature, stable, slim, attractive BM,  
lonely 24, wants love and friendship  
from other gay males and a picture if  
possible. Willie JEFFERSON, 45394,  
Unit 4, Parchman MS 38738.

I'm 25 and doing 5 years. Seeking  
someone to correspond with who is as  
lonely as I am or who is at least in-  
terested enough to want to write and  
get to know me. Kinch OLIVER, 37573,  
Unit 25C, Parchman MS 38738.

I am 44 and of ebony complexion, and  
this little cell gets pretty lonely,  
especially when the mailman passes  
right on by. John HILL, Box 41-19150,  
Michigan City IN 46360.

Black bisexual male with a GED  
diploma, a trained plumber, painter,  
and truck driver. Anyone interested in  
sponsoring me out of here (giving me a  
job) please write me pronto. Penpals  
also welcome. Eddie HOWARD, Unit 27  
(A-7), 36242, Parchman MS 38738.

Will be released in August. Maybe so-  
meone will read this ad and will help  
me find a job and a place to live. Would  
very much like to come to Boston.  
Harold BROOKS, Box EH-131178, C-2  
17/3, Reidsville GA 30499.

I enjoy body building, leather work, and  
backpacking and would like to hear  
from any and all gay males. Merle LA  
MERE, A018167, Box 7, Deer Lodge MT  
59722.

I'm into exercise, reading and music  
and would like to write to my (gay)  
peers on the outside. Jimmy HANNUS,  
170-011, Box 57, Marion OH 44302.

I'm just a country boy who really enjoys  
a good time. I like hunting, fishing, bike  
riding and quiet candlelight dinners.  
Would like to get to know someone to  
talk to out there. David MOUDY, 45402,  
Camp 28, Parchman MS 38738.

My interests include politics,  
psychology, plays, and Baroque music.  
I am a warm, sensitive, well-read young  
man who is in search of someone who is confident  
of his sexuality in his own way of life.  
John STROUD, B851289, Box 158,  
Zephyr Hills FL 32483.

Young black man with no one to corres-  
pond with would love to hear from  
someone out there who'd like to talk.  
Charles SMITH, Box C-28092, Represa  
CA 95671.

I am a 19 year old male, very lonely and  
also loving, caring and sincere. Will be  
getting out soon. Isaiah JOSEPH,  
45515, U/28, Parchman MS 38738.

How are you today. I hope a lot better  
than I am. I writing this letter in hope  
that someone will be a friend and  
understand the loneliness that is  
behind these bars and will write.  
Thomas WILLIAMSON, 164-853, Box  
45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

Male 23 seeking friendship/relationship  
with other loving people. Keith  
LEDGER, 160-101, Box 45699,  
Lucasville OH 45699.

I know it's a matter of luck whether you  
get a penpal or not and I'm hoping that  
maybe this time I'll be lucky. A letter  
now and then is better than no letters at  
all! (Right?) James CANNON,  
EF-129759, 3rd fl., Reidsville. GA 30499

I'm Spanish, but I also speak Greek,  
Italian and some English. I would like  
so much to write to someone. Thank  
you. Benjamin RAMOS, 92800, Oak 3,  
Angola LA 70712.

Dear Pete, I received your letter 5/26,  
and thanks for the stamps. I want very  
much to reply to your lovely letter but  
you forgot to send your return address!  
I hope to hear from you again soon.  
Love, peace and sex. Sherman  
MORGAN, Box 779-122985, Marquette  
MI 49855.





# Calendar

## weekly events

### sunday

**Boston, MA** — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center for youth 22 and under from 2-4pm and steering committee meeting from 4-5pm at Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282. Please send all BAGLY mail to GCN Box 10GY.

**Cambridge, MA** — Black and White Men Together of Boston meets at Paradise, 180 Mass. Ave. Second Sunday of each month. Info: Tom 536-3392 or Dick 247-3043.

**Boston, MA** — Lesbian Only SM Support Group. Potlucks and informal discussions one Sunday per month. Info: 776-7957. Open to lesbians supportive of or into SM.

**Cambridge, MA** — Overeaters Anonymous, lesbian meeting. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. Sun eves 7:30 pm, DOB office.

**Framingham, MA** — Tricounty Assoc. (Framingham, Milford, Franklin area). Social and support group for gay and lesbian community. Meets Suns. Info: 376-4323 or 473-3529.

**Boston, MA** — "Musically speaking," women's music, ideas, announcements. WMBR, 88.1 FM. 1-3pm.

**Boston, MA** — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. Second Sundays. 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6874 or 247-5485.

**Boston, MA** — Merrymount Music Society. Informal meetings and concerts for gay and lesbian musicians and music lovers. Info: 266-9423.

**West of Boston, MA** — West of Boston Lesbians. Social events on Sunday afternoons, twice a month. New members welcome. Info: 486-8848, or Dorothy 875-1108.

**Boston, MA** — Boston's Other Voice. (WROR, FM 98.5) 11:30pm.

**Concord, NH** — Concord Area Gay Youth support group for youth 16-22. Rap session and social time. Info: Ron 225-5622.

**Keene, NH** — Potlucks and other fun get-togethers for lesbians. First Suns. (2pm) and third Tues or Wed (6pm). Info: Keene Klondykes, Box 261, Gilsum NH 03448

**Central VT** — Central Vermont Gay Men (CVGM) meets first Sun. of the month for socializing, business and a meal. Info: Box 42, Barre, 05641.

**Orleans, MA** — Shoreline, a social group alternative to the bars on Cape Cod, meets second Sundays. Info: Box 1614, Orleans, MA 02653

**Acton, MA** — Central Middlesex Social Club meets at 7:30pm. Info: 263-4882. All are invited.

**New London, CT** — Gay and Lesbian Community at Connecticut College meets 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Info: 442-7458.

**Northern VT/NH** — League of Gays (LOGS), meets third Suns. Info: (802) 626-3618 or write: Box 703, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.

### monday

**Boston, MA** — National Assoc. of Social Workers Gay and Lesbian Task Force meets 1st Mondays at 8pm. Topical discussion, sharing concerns re: being gay and providing gay services in the workplace etc. Info: Lorrie 436-7521, or Carrie 482-0557.

**Boston, MA** — Free lunchtime (12-1) drop-in support group for men concerned about AIDS. Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services, 80 Boylston St. Rm 855. Corner of Boylston and Tremont Sts. Info: 542-5188.

**Waltham, MA** — Triskelion, the Brandeis Gay/Lesbian Coalition. General discussion group at 9pm. Usdan Student Ctr. Conf. Rm. C. Info: 647-4353, or Box 2792, Brandeis U., Waltham, 02254.

**Nashua, NH** — Nashua Area Gays meet 8pm. Info: Tony 424-3252, or write: Nashua Area Gays, Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

**Portsmouth, NH** — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

### tuesday

**Cambridge, MA** — Boston chapter, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tue of the month in conference room 1A Sherrill Hall Library, Episcopal Divinity School 99 Brattle, Info: 436-5393 or P.O. Box 125-S101, Arlington, MA 02174.

**Boston, MA** — Urania: lesbian and bisexual women's SM support group. Safe, non-competitive space for women of all levels of experience to share political and personal aspects of our sexuality. 131 Cambridge St. 7:30pm. Info: Hathor 623-7258.

**Cambridge, MA** — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harv. Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633.

**Pittsfield, MA** — Berkshire County Gay Coalition meets 2nd and 4th Tues. Info: (413) 442-7772.

**Hartford, CT** — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm (First Tues.) Info: 249-7691.

**Manchester, NH** — Manchester Men's Group, weekly support group for gay and bisexual men, meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Jack 669-0096.

**New London, CT** — New London Gay Men's Forum, support group for gay and bisexual men. Info: 447-0155 (Noon to 7pm).

**Portland, ME** — Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at First Parish, Unitarian. 425 Congress St. 8 pm. Open to all.

### wednesday

**Boston, MA** — Fathers in Transition, a group of gay/bi fathers meeting Weds. for friendship and support. Info: Exodus Ctr. 266-0612, or write: Fathers In Transition, c/o GCN Box 6, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

### 16 thurs

**Boston, MA** — AIDS and Boston's Gay Community will be the subject of a panel discussion sponsored by the Boston Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance. Faneuil Hall, 7:30pm. Signed for the hearing impaired. Free. A candlelight procession from Faneuil Hall will take place after the forum, to commemorate those who have suffered and died as victims of this disease and to call for additional response to this crisis.

**Boston, MA** — GCN proofreading. Read next week's news this week! Call 426-4469 for details.

**Boston, MA** — Triangle Theater presents 'A night out with the boys', a dramatization of gay male poetry. YWCA Studio Theater, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) \$5 with student/senior ID; \$6 without. 8pm. Info: 482-0897.

### 17 fri

**BOSTON, MA** — GCN BIRTHDAY POTLUCK! Don't miss this chance to mingle with old and new staff, board, volunteers, and admirers of GCN's 10 year history. Get your tickets now! Limited seating. Come by GCN, 167 Tremont St. for tickets. \$5. Party is at YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) 8pm. There'll be music, food, slide show, photo exhibit and dancing. Tickets also at Glad Day Books and New Words Books. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy.

**Boston, MA** — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). New persons' meeting 6:30pm; general meeting and group discussion 7-9pm. For youth 22 and under. Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282.

**Boston, MA** — Boston Gay Men's Chorus meets every Wed. from 7-10pm at the YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) Info: 522-6983.

**Boston, MA** — Walk-in VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 6:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

**Boston, MA** — Lunchtime for lesbians. Isolated during the workday downtown? Interested in a lunchtime hangout/discussion group? Come to 80 Boylston St. Rm 855 (corner Boylston and Tremont). Noon. Info: 542-5188.

**Boston, MA** — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: 542-5679.

**Bridgewater, MA** — South Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance meets Weds. Info: 584-4997.

**Cambridge, MA** — Lesbian "coming out" group, new weekly open rap group, is now meeting at Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) 8:10pm. Info: 354-8807

**Cambridge, MA** — Daughters of Bilitis. 35+ women's discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Second Wed. and last Fri. of each month.

**Hyannis, MA** — Lesbian Support Group meets first Wed of every month. 7:30pm. New members welcome. Orientation, social meetings. Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St. Info: 771-6739.

**Nashua, NH** — Greater Nashua Area of NH Lambda sponsors speakers and/or raps on the 2nd Wed and 4th Thurs. 7:30pm. Business meets on 1st Sat. Info: (603) 889-1416.

**Hartford, CT** — Lesbian AA meeting. Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 8pm. Info: 247-8797.

**Hampden County, MA** — Social/Support Group for Lesbians. 8pm. Info: Debbie 532-5878 or Julie 532-4959.

**Cambridge, MA** — Narcotics Anonymous Gay Meeting. 7 Temple St. (Central Sq.) 8:30-10pm. A twelve step recovery program for those whose "drug of choice" was other than alcohol.

**Cambridge, MA** — Boston National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force meets 4th Wed. of month at 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (Central Sq.) Plan lobbying, public educ. and consciousness raising. Info: 661-6015.

### thursday

**Cambridge, MA** — Lesbian Liberation, an open discussion group. 8-10pm. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Info: 354-8807.

**Somerville, MA** — TV/TS Peer Support Group. Gender Clinic. Info: Martha 666-8280.

**Cambridge, MA** — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

**Boston, MA** — GCN VOLUNTEERS! The usual Friday night stuffing will take place today from 9am on so that you will have a chance to go to the Birthday Potluck. Come by at lunch or anytime for awhile and lend a hand. Info: 426-4469. Thanks!

**Cambridge, MA** — Jewish Women's Open Discussion Group. Discussion of Sexuality: messages from family and society, and myths and stereotypes. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7:30-10pm. Info: 354-8807.

### 18 sat

**BOSTON, MA** — Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Rally. See center spread for details. Do come out!

**Boston, MA** — Amethyst Women Gay Pride Dance. 9pm-1am. YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. Julie Coles, DJ. Food by the Saints Collective. \$4. more if/less if. Childcare available. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

**Cambridge, MA** — DOB Spaghetti dinner for women and children. 6pm. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave (Harvard Sq) \$5 non-members; \$4 members; \$3 kids under 10. Info: 661-3633.

**Boston, MA** — Chiltern Mt Club. Third Annual Gay Liberation Brunch. Info: Celt 247-3837 (7-10pm).

**Boston, MA** — 'A night out with the boys'. See 16 thurs above.

**Northampton, MA** — Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance meets on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 584-7903 or write P.O. Box 181, Northampton, MA 01061.

**Hartford, CT** — Gay Al-Anon meeting for lesbians and gay men at Trinity Church Parish House, Farmington Ave. 7:30pm. Info: 247-8797.

### friday

**BOSTON, MA** — GAY COMMUNITY NEWS (THAT'S US!) ALWAYS NEEDS HELP SENDING OUT THE PAPER ON FRIDAY EVES. COME BY FOR A FEW HOURS TO OUR NEW SPACE AT 167 TREMONT (ON THE COMMON, NEAR BOYLSTON T STOP) ANYTIME AFTER 6 AND LEND A HAND. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES! EVERY BODY WILL COME! INFO: 426-4469, THANKS!

**Cambridge, MA** — Amazon Lesbian Al-Anon. Mt. Auburn Hosp. Living Rm, Clark Bldg. 8-9:30pm. Newcomers meeting from 7-8pm on the first Friday.

**Danbury, CT** — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Greater Danbury meets on Fridays from 7:30 to 10pm in the Green Room of the First Congregational Church, corner of Deer Hill Ave. and West St.

**Hartford, CT** — Your Turf, a weekly drop-in center for lesbian and gay teenagers. 7-9pm at the Hill Center, 350 Farmington Ave. (upstairs). Sponsored by the Coalition of Sexual Minorities

**Concord, NH** — Concord Men's Group meets Fridays at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Herb 485-5612.

**Providence, RI** — Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian Youth meets every Sat. from 1-5pm for youth 14-21 years of age. Info: MCC 272-9247 or Gay Help Line 751-3322 (eves)

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**Boston, MA** — Support group for transsexuals and all who may be questioning their gender. 7-11pm on the third Sat. of each month. Info: (617) 568-0680.

**Boston, MA** — Chiltern Mt. Club. Regularly scheduled sports and outdoors events. General info: John 275-1336; Linda 734-4066; John 864-0823. Volleyball. Jay 262-4896; Basketball: Kieran 232-7229

**Boston, MA** — Front Runners/Boston, gay men and lesbian running club. Info: 39 Milford, Boston 02118 or 451-6364.

## coming events



SEE THIS WEEK'S CENTERSPREAD FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE EVENTS.



## june 14 tues

**Cambridge, MA** — Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists. Business meeting. 8pm. Info: 288-3228.

**Salem, MA** — Lesbian and Gay Pride Film Night, sponsored by North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance, presenting 'Woman-Loving Woman', 'Witches, Dykes, Fags and Poofers', 'In the Best Interests of the Children', and 'Greetings from Washington DC'. Meier Hall Screening Room, Salem State College. Free. 7pm.

## 15 wed

**Boston, MA** — Benefit for David Scondras, the first openly gay candidate for the Boston City Council, at the 1270 Club, 1270 Boylston (Fenway) presenting Pilshaw and Sklamberg 'LA's gay troubadors', and Scarab, Boston's only women's Reggae band. Food and drink \$5.

**The deadline for Calendar items is Monday at noon for the following issue.....**